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INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR FOOD SERVICE AT BURNING MAN

If you are planning to serve food or share food including certain beverages at Burning Man, you need a temporary food service permit from the Nevada State Health Division's Public Health and Clinical Services Environmental Health Section. We've been involved with Burning Man since 1998. Our goal is to keep people from getting sick on the playa. We work closely with Burning Man and BLM law enforcement and will request their assistance in closing booths that vend food without having first obtained a temporary food permit. We do not accept applications or issue late or unpermitted booth permits on the playa. We do not require permitting of bars serving **only** alcoholic beverages.

On our website you will find a special temporary food permit application specific to Burning Man. The permit contains fee information and informational fields that will help us understand what food items you want to share and serve. Any camp that is serving meals on a large scale (more than 125 people) must also obtain a permit. There are food items that we will not approve for service at Burning Man. These foods are ones that might be more potentially hazardous in the preparation process or tougher to keep cool in the harsh playa environment. Please share your planned menu with us in advance so we can help you protect the health of the participants you want to serve food to. We can also offer helpful suggestions for alternative food service based on our many years of playa experience.

Complete the application, enclose the fees, and mail it to the address provided at the top of the application form. We will review it, process it, and send you a letter letting you know if your permit has been approved and written. This letter will advise you that you need to retrieve your official permit from us at Playa Info the first few days of the event. The letter is NOT your permit. The permit must be retrieved on the playa during the hours specified in the letter prior to you setting up and serving food.

In your camp you must have a hand wash station set up for use by food preparation and service staff. Hand sanitizers are fine after hand washing, but do not take the place of hand washing with water, soap and paper towels for use by food handlers. In your booth your food handlers and servers must wear gloves and must be adequately clothed. We know this is the playa – but use good judgment and some discretion in your attire when serving food to the public.

You'll find a Burning Man Self Inspection Checklist on our website at: http://www.health.nv.gov/BFHS_EHS.htm
This is a handy list for your use at the time you set up for food service on the playa to make sure you have what you need in your booth.

Call us with questions, have fun at Burning Man and thank you for your efforts in helping us keep the playa a safe food service environment.